

Eligibility Information for Rural Education

Small, Rural School Achievement Program

A Local Education Agency (LEA) is eligible for an award under this program if--

- (a) The total number of students in average daily attendance at all of the schools served by the LEA is fewer than 600; or each county in which a school served by the LEA is located has a total population density of fewer than 10 persons per square mile; **and**
- (b) All of the schools served by the LEA are designated with a school locale code of 7 or 8 by the Department's National Center for Educational Statistics; or the Secretary has determined, based on demonstration by the LEA and concurrence of the State Education Agency (SEA), that the LEA is located in an area defined as rural by a governmental agency of the State.

For additional information on school locale codes, including a definition, go to:

<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/ruraled/Definitions.asp>

Rural and Low-Income School Program

An LEA is eligible to apply to its SEA for a subgrant under this program if--

- (a) The LEA is not eligible for a grant under the Small, Rural School Achievement Program;
- (b) 20 percent or more of the children ages 5 through 17 years served by the LEA are from families with incomes below the poverty line; **and**
- (c) All of the schools served by the LEA are designated with a school locale code of 6, 7, or 8.